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Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, Chair U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Several of my constituents have written me expressing their concerns relating to issues the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may consider during upcoming hearings on October 21 and 22, relating to the treatment with Iodine-131 for some patients with hyperthyroidism and most patients with thyroid cancer.

Specifically, they are concerned that the NRC's consideration of a proposal to increase the number of training and experience hours from 80 to 120 for treatment of hyperthyroidism and thyroid carcinoma may have the unintended effect of discouraging endocrinologists from providing this form of treatment. I am enclosing one such letter for your consideration.

I hope you and the other Commissioners will carefully consider their concerns at the hearings and as you develop the final regulations.

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